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CLAIMS

1. A hearing aid comprising, a housing and means for controlling an operation of the hearing aid, characterised in that said controlling means are adapted to be responsive to a force applied to a part of an auricle of an ear of a hearing aid user.
2. A hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the housing is adapted to be positioned behind the ear, and wherein the controlling means comprise sensing means positioned on at least one side of the housing facing the head or facing the ear of a user, the sensing means being adapted to sense a force applied to the user's auricle, the controlling means being responsive to the sensing of the sensing means.
3. A hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the housing is adapted to be positioned in an ear canal of the ear.
- 15 4. A hearing aid according to claim 3, wherein the controlling means comprise a lever having two ends, one of which is attached to a face part of the housing, the lever being adapted to be deflected by application of the force to the auricle, such as to a part of the ear, and the controlling means being responsive to the deflection of the lever.
- 20 5. A hearing aid according to claim 4, wherein the lever is adapted to also be used by a user to remove the hearing aid from the ear canal.
- 25 6. A hearing aid according to claim 5, wherein the lever further comprises engaging means adapted to facilitate engagement with the hearing aid during removal.
7. A hearing aid according to claim 6, wherein the engaging means comprise a shaped or hook-shaped part.

8. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 4, wherei
controlling means comprises switching means adapted to co
the operation mode of the hearing aid, the switching means
responsive to the deflection of the stiff lever.

9. A hearing aid according to claim 8, wherein the switching means comprises a
35 momentary switch.

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10. A hearing aid according to claim 8, wherein the switching means comprises an
switch.

11. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 4, wh
the stiffness of the lever is large enough to convey at le
pressure force of 5.0 Newton to the switch element.

12. A hearing aid according to claim 11, wherein the pressure force is
perpendicualr to the length axis of the lever.

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13. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 9, said switching means are adapted to switch an electrica between two predetermined levels, the controlling meas adapted to control the operation mode in response to a c the electrical signal level provided by the switching mea

14. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 1, the controlling means are adapted to control a power operation mode of the hearing aid.

15. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 1, the controlling means are adapted to select a particular listening program between a number of pre-set listening in the hearing aid.

16. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the controlling means are adapted to control the telecoil/microphone operation mode of the hearing aid.

17. A hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the controlling means further comprises an integrated circuit.

18. (Amended) A hearing aid adapted to be positioned in an ear canal of an ear of a user, the hearing aid comprising means for manually removing the hearing aid from the ear, the removing means being fastened to the hearing aid and extending from the hearing aid toward an auricle of the ear, characterized in that the removing means comprise a stiff member which remains in essentially the same predetermined position during normal deflection of said stiff member.